

March 2, 2006
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham-County Attorney

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order. Dr. Ron Baity, Berean Baptist Church, had the invocation. The Board had the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing- Scattered Site Housing

Rebecca Kassner, COG, stated Yadkin County is eligible for funds under CDBG for the Scattered Site Housing Program. Yadkin County's portion would be \$400,000. She explained the application process and how people could qualify.

Commissioner Phillips asked does all the funding get used.

Ms. Kassner stated yes.

Jimmy Steelman, Hamptonville, asked about the salary requirements?

Ms. Kassner stated is a sliding scale based the number of family members and income.

Chairman Wooten closed the public hearing.

Public comments

Gary Lassiter, Jonesville, addressed the Board concerning the water and sewer issue in the Mountain Crest development.

Mr. Wood responded the site had been reviewed by the Town of Jonesville and engineering studies have been completed. The Town of Jonesville will be putting the system in and Matthew Dolge, COG, is applying for grants. Once the funding is available the system would be installed.

Amy Crump, Lutheran Pastor, spoke against the motto “In God We Trust” being placed on the side of the courthouse. Ms. Crump stated she was born and raised in Yadkin County and feels this is nothing more than a political move. She also commented it puts out there if you do not believe in Yadkin County ways, then do not come here. This is shutting out those who feel or believe differently. She asked what happens when others want to express their religions. She questioned how this can be done legally?

Rick Lanier, former Davidson County Commissioner, stated this Country was founded on a value system. He commented there has been a proactive movement by groups to remove any reference to our Godly heritage. We need to be proactive to reaffirm our heritage. President Bush reconfirmed our heritage on November 15, 2002, “In God we trust, One Nation under God”.

Victor Sieders, Yadkinville, stated he is against placing “In God We Trust” on the courthouse. The government should not mess in religion issues. We have the right to free religion; to choose our religion. He asked who is gaining by placing the motto on the courthouse? He referenced Rev. Ron Baity’s notoriety with boycotting stores who would not display “Merry Christmas”, but instead displayed “Seasons Greetings”. This is not the right thing to do. He asked why Rev. Ron Baity had come to Yadkin County when he is from Winston-Salem.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they wanted to suspend the two person rule per subject to allow those who have not spoken the opportunity.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to suspend the rule for this subject allowing those who wanted to speak the opportunity. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Lee Lane, Deep Creek Church, supported “In God We Trust” being placed on the courthouse. This is the motto of the United States and our government.

Dianne Doub, East Bend, stated “One Nation Under God, In God We Trust” strongly supporting the motto. He husband fought in the war to give us this freedom.

Alberta Perry, teacher, discussed how Christianity had been taken out of the schools. We need to remember our heritage.

Todd Clark, Co-Founder of In God We Trust Action Committee, stated this committee was formed after 911 and everyone thought it was important; the motto is meant to be displayed.

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***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the minutes with changes. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Chairman Wooten informed everyone the agenda would be altered changing the Fire Marshal and Citizen Concern items.

Citizen concern-courthouse

Tim Parks, Chief of Police, introduced Rev. Ron Baity, Berean Baptist Church. He also commented that if this was a political move, we would win.

Rev. Ron Baity asked the Board to consider placing the motto “In God We Trust” on the Yadkin County courthouse. This requires no taxpayers’ money. David Gibbs, an attorney from Florida, has agreed to represent the county if any legal action is brought against the county.

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to place the motto “In God We Trust” on the courthouse. Commissioner Sneed seconded.**

Commissioner Phillips questioned the representation of Mr. Gibbs. She expressed everyone has the right to their opinion.

Commissioner Sneed stated he was honored to be able to support this action. He stated God stood up for us and now it's our turn to stand up for Him.

Commissioner Casstevens commented if you live in Yadkin County, then you should think like Yadkin County.

The Board voted 5-0.

Chairman Wooten called for a break.

Crossroads Mental Health- report

David Swann, Director, presented the mid-year report for Crossroads.

There was discussion on involuntary commitments and the time involved.

The Board discussed the ADAP Program and funding for the program.

Mr. Wood asked about those clients who fall through the "cracks".

Mr. Swann responded that they do not have enough information on what happens to those people.

Attorney Graham inquired about the D+ rating North Carolina received regarding mental health.

Mr. Swann stated that the money is not flowing properly which makes it difficult to administer the programs properly.

Fire Marshal-resolution

Chairman Wooten thanked Mr. Weatherman for allowing them to move his item on the agenda.

Mr. Weatherman requested the Board adopt a resolution approving fire insurance districts.

**YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
R E S O L U T I O N
APPROVING INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, fire district boundaries for incorporated volunteer fire departments are established by boards of county commissioners pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-233, which districts are also used for insurance grading purposes; and

WHEREAS, the fire district boundaries in the unincorporated portion of Yadkin County need to be revised to change the way they have historically been described by a point to point description to by reference to maps created on the GIS system, and to reflect annexations by municipalities in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Yadkin County Fire Marshal has created new fire insurance district maps using the GIS system for various fire districts which are incorporated by reference into Exhibit A to this Resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners approves the boundary lines of the Fire Insurance Districts shown on Exhibit A, exclusive of current or future municipal town limits, and as represented in the scaled GIS produced map certified by the County Fire Marshal referenced in Exhibit A.

Adopted the 2nd day of March, 2006.

**NORTH CAROLINA
YADKIN COUNTY**

I, Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Yadkin County, do hereby certify that the resolution set out above was duly adopted in the regular meeting of the Board held at 9:00 A.M. on March 2, 2006; and that same was duly recorded in Minute Book 16.

This 2nd day of March, 2006.

s/Melinda Vestal
Clerk to the Board

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to adopt the resolution.
Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Water/Sewer-contracts

Mr. Wood updated the Board on the NC Revolving Loan application. He stated there are 17 applicants; Yadkin County ranked 9th. The other requests are smaller so there should be enough funds for Yadkin County. He commented that when the county receives the approval letter, we need to be

ready to proceed, if not, the agency will move on to the next applicant. He presented the Board with contracts from Arcadis:

- Additional waterline design for the Hwy 601 Project
- Jonesville to West Yadkin School waterline per NCDENR requirement
- Pre-liminary Engineering Report, decentralized sewer I77/Hwy 421 interchange

Mr. Wood reminded the Board that they will need to set community meetings and also decide what incentives, if any, are going to be offered.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the contract for the Jonesville/ West Yadkin waterline with Arcadis. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the additional waterline design for the Hwy 601 Project. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the contract for the pre-liminary engineering report, decentralized sewer for I-77/Hwy 421 interchange. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Administration –employee relations

The Board tabled this item.

Health Department-budget amendment

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
REVENUE				
Environmental Health State Funds	104518044211	750.00	3,163.05	3,913.05
EXPENSE				
EH Capital Outlay	105518056010	-0-	1,163.05	1,163.05
EH Supplies	105518052010	6500.00	1,000.00	7,500.00
EH Travel	105518054010	8000.00	1,000.00	9,000.00

*Received additional State funds for Environmental Health Food and Lodging Program.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
REVENUE				
WIC Client Services State Funds	104516744208	80,928.00	4,250.00	84,178.00
WIC Nutrition Education	104516644207	43,000.00	1,063.00	44,063.00
EXPENSE				
WIC Client Services Salary	105516751010	88,660.00	4,250.00	92,910.00
WIC Nutrition Education Salary	105516651010	35,961.00	1,063.00	37,024.00

*Additional State funds received for increased participation in WIC Programs.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Casstevens inquired on the progress regarding the courthouse.

Mr. Wood stated a meeting is being scheduled with the Judge and the Architect.

Commissioner Sneed discussed charges for copies and the amount a taxpayer paid for copies.

Chairman Wooten informed Commissioner Sneed that the information the citizen needed is available on line.

Commissioner Phillips thanked Mr. Wood and Ms. Vestal for sending the information to our representatives regarding funding.

Commissioner Phillips asked those in the audience who had filed for an elected position, if they would like to introduce themselves.

Those in the audience were Rex Baity, Commissioner, Larry Vestal, Commissioner, Chad Wagoner, Commissioner and Gene Doss, Board of Education.

Chairman Wooten also thanked Mr. Wood and Ms. Vestal for sending the information regarding earmarks for funding.

Chairman Wooten reported on the workshop in Hickory. He suggested setting up a time for a question session for potential commissioners.

Mr. Wood suggested small tours of the departments and discussions on the functions for the departments.

The Board agreed to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20th.

Chairman Wooten discussed the Group Home and the current license. He suggested we not let the current license lapse because if that happens we would have to do some major changes to bring it to current standards.

Mr. Wood stated the license may not be transferable; he would check.

Commissioner Sneed discussed the property at Barney Hill. He asked the Board if they would be interested in leasing the property to a neighbor to repair the building.

Chairman Wooten asked about the 5-D land being farmed?

Manager comments

Mr. Wood informed the Board that the Board of Elections had requested precise wording for the wine referendum. He presented the Board with three options. He suggested option one; which plainly asks for or against.

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to choose Option 1; for or against, to be on the ballot for the wine referendum. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Mr. Wood informed the Board of a resignation received from a member on the nursing home committee. He stated the position would have to be filled.

Mr. Wood commented there is a junkyard, 21 Motors, who is offering to buy wrecked cars for \$50; which would help enforce the junkyard ordinance.

Mr. Wood asked the Board to set up an advisory committee to review the applications for the Scattered Site Housing. The committee would consist of members from the following departments; DSS, Board of Health, Building Inspections, Planning, a citizen and a Commissioner.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to set up an advisory committee with the departments requested. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Attorney Graham requested a closed session.

Closed Session

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to go in closed session per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), to consult with an attorney. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Attorney Graham handed out the tax collection report.

Commissioner Sneed questioned the taxes owed by the Yadkin County Country Club.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board